

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

The motor automobile industry in Japan could be said one of the most comprehensive industries that have extensive related industries in various fields such as manufacturing, sales, resources, utilizations and the like. Population of the workers who are directly and indirectly engaged in these industries relating to the automobiles reaches to about 15 5,370,000 persons according to the estimation of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc. This amounts to about 8.4% of all the employment population in Japan (for example, "Automobiles and world: world car production, sales, and possession", Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc., ~~retrieved on October 31, 2002, Internet URL:-~~ [http://www.jama.or.jp/world/world/world\\_1.html](http://www.jama.or.jp/world/world/world_1.html)>).